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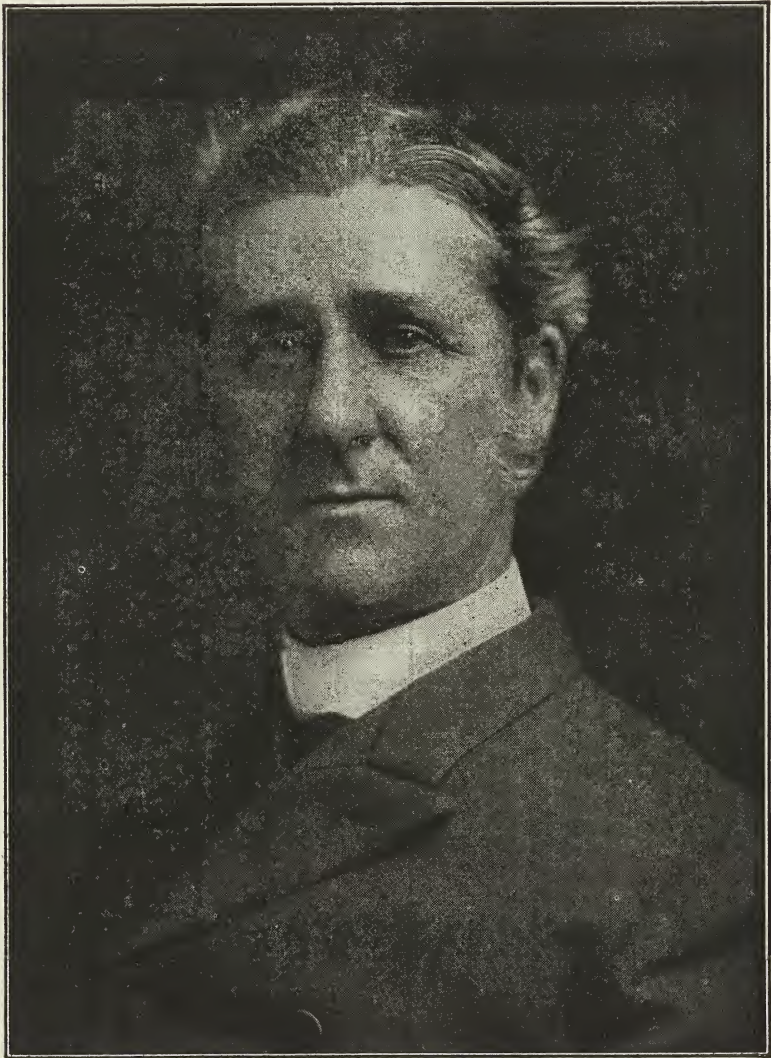
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Chronological Roll

NOTE---Figures on left indicate the year of admission into the Traveling Connection. The figures on the right denote the number of years of service on the charge. The names in italics are undergraduates.

Yr	NAME	Nativity	ADDRESS	Yr
1902	Basket, J. R.	Tennessee	Texas City, Texas	2
1910	<i>Beadle, J. H.</i>	Louisiana	Oakdale, La	2
1884	Bennington, J. M.	Illinois	Port Arthur, Texas	1
1904	Carruth, J. A.	Mississippi	Lake Charler, La	2
	Crawford, R. L.	Louisiana		
1903	Elliott, C. L.	Ceylon	Atlanta, Texas	1
1910	<i>Ensign, F. J.</i>		Lyford, Texas	1
1910	<i>Faulk, H. K.</i>	Louisiana	Port Arthur, Texas	2
1907	Germany, W. H.	Mississippi	Hammond, La	1
	Gower, L. E.	Illinois	South Houston, Tex	2
1902	Harrison, W. E.	Louisiana	Meridian, Miss	
1911	<i>Harper, G. L.</i>	Louisiana	Lufkin, Texas	2
1903	Hervey, J. W.	Texas	Hughes Springs, Tex	4
1900	Hines, G. B.	Texas	Lake Charles, La	1
1859	King, Cyrus A.	Maine	Lake Charles, La	Superan'ate
1908	La Grone, J. W.	Texas	Port Arthur, Texas	1
1898	Lively, J. W.	Arkansas	Marshall, Tex	Superan'ate
1900	McCain, H. H.	Louisiana	Houston, Texas	1
			1009 Harvard St	
1908	McClure, R. O.	Kentucky	New Orleans, La	1
			1537 Calliope St	
1902	Mann, W. C.	Texas	DeRidder, La	6
1902	May, Louis	Louisiana	Crowley, La	6
1911	Newton, W. R.		Bayou Chene, La	2
1891	Oliver, N. H.	Pennsylvania	Glenmora, La	1
1912	Perkins, C. A.		De Ridder, La	1
1911	<i>Pointer, J. D.</i>		Inhambane, East Africa, Box 45	1
1907	Pynes, R. T.	Alabama	Hughes Springs, Tex	1
1898	Sayers, N. L.	Pennsylvania	Elton, La	1
1892	Shrode, T. J.	Indiana	Alvin, Texas	1
1908	Simpson, F. M.	Mississippi	Harleton, Texas	3
1908	Smith, R. R.	Texas	Woodville, Texas	3
	Stokes, W. T.			Supernum'r
1905	Swanson, T. F.	Texas	Auburn, Miss	1
1911	Swanson, R. G.	Texas	Marthaville, La	1
1900	Van Volkinburgh, F. D.	New York	Bolox, Miss	Superan'ate
1904	Webb, T. E.	Tennessee	Welsh, La	2
1905	Weldon, R. L.	Louisiana	Marshall, Tex	5
1871	Wilson, Thomas	Ireland	Sabine Pass, Texas	Superan'ate
1898	Woodson, Julian	Tennessee	Jefferson, Tex	Superan'ate
1877	Wright, O. P.		San Antonio, Texas	2
1911	<i>Zito, Francisco</i>	Italy	New Orleans, La	2

Probationers

Year	Name	Nativity	Address	Year
FOURTH YEAR				
1907	Cassells, D. H.....	Mississippi	Gloster, Miss.....	2
SECOND YEAR				
1911	Bell, B. T.....	Texas	Beckville, Tcx.....	2
1911	Ellis, R. R.....	.....	Gloster, Miss.....	2
1911	Hardin, E. N.....	Kentucky	Anacoco, La.....	2
1911	Harper, A. L.....	Louisiana	Ebenezer, La.....	1
1910	Kenna, J. B.....	Mississippi	Lutcher, La.....	1
FIRST YEAR				
1911	Beasley, C. C.....	.....	Kinder, La.....	1
1911	Bolton, C. W.....	Louisiana	Vivian, La.....	1
1908	Edwards, S. W.....	Mississippi	Jayuya, P. I.....	Mis'y
1912	Gates, W. I.....	.....	Arcad'a, Tex.....	1
1908	Hayes, Dani'l.....	Louisiana	Kinder, La.....	2
1912	Wynne, A. M.....	.....	Lottie, La.....	1

SUPPORT OF VETERNS

WHEREAS, The support of our Superanuates is altogether inadequate; and,

WHEREAS, We could raise more if we put forth the effort, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that our Conference raise the sum of \$525 the coming year for the support of our Conference Claimants; and that the District Superintendents be requested to apportion the above sum to the several Charges; and then observe the disciplinary requirements as to its collection.

H. H. McCain, J. W. Hervey, L. E. Gower, G. B. Hines, J. A. Car-ruth, J. R. Basket, W. C. Mann and Peter Parker.—Board of Stewards.

Conference Chronology

GULF MISSION.

Yr	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1893	Jan. 19	Jennings, La.....	E. G. Andrews.....	C. K. Woodson
1894	Jan. 25	Lake Charles, La.....	J. M. Walden.....	C. K. Woodson
1895	Jan. 24	Crowley, La.....	Thomas Bowman.....	C. K. Woodson
1896	Jan. 23	Jennings, La.....	J. N. Fitzgerald.....	C. K. Woodson

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1897	Jan. 21	Jennings, La.....	J. M. Walden.....	C. K. Woodson
1898	Feb. 3	Crowley, La.....	W. X. Ninde.....	C. K. Woodson
1899	Feb. 2	Lake Charles, La.....	S. M. Merrill.....	C. K. Woodson
1900	Feb. 1	Marshall, Tex.....	I. W. Joyce.....	L. W. Elkins
1901	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.....	H. W. Warren.....	C. W. Campbell
1902	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La.....	C. D. Foss.....	C. W. Campbell
1903	Feb. 3	Port Arthur, Texas.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	C. C. Morris

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1904	Feb. 4	Hughes Springs, Tex.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	John Paul
1905	Feb. 2	Gloster, Miss.....	H. Spellmeyer.....	F. F. Fitch
1905	Dec. 1	Welsh, La.....	L. B. Wilson.....	W. E. Harrison
1906	Nov. 15	Marshall, Tex.....	L. B. Wilson.....	J. R. Basket
1907	Dec. 19	Jennings, La.....	William Burt.....	J. R. Basket
1908	Dec. 17	Lake Charles, La.....	Wm. A. Quayle.....	J. R. Basket
1909	Dec. 16	Port Arthur, Texas.....	T. B. Neely.....	J. R. Basket
1910	Dec. 15	Welsh, La.....	T. B. Neely.....	H. H. McCain
1911	Dec. 13	Marshall, Tex.....	T. B. Neely.....	H. H. McCain
1912	Dec. 19	Port Arthur, Texas.....	W. P. Thirkield.....	H. H. McCain

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American Bible Society.

R. R. Ellis, G. W. Rockhold, G. W. Bolton.

Standing Committes---Continued

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Publishing Journal.

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The Journal

FIRST DAY—Thursday, December 19, 1912

The tenth session of the Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Port Arthur, Tex., December 19, 1912, at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Wibur P. Thirkield presiding.

Opening Devotions.—The pastor, J. M. Bennington, announced the hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive," which was heartily sung. J. R. Basket led in prayer, after which the Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents and Dr. W. D. Parr, administered the Holy Communion. Anticipating this service the Bishop read Paragraphs 137-138 on Deportment at Conference, which with the remarks, was timely and impressive.

Roll Call.—The Secretary of the last Conference, H. H. McCain, called the roll, thirty answering to their names as follows: J. R. Basket, J. A. Carruth, J. C. Duplantis, W. H. Germany, G. L. Harper, J. W. Hervey, G. B. Hines, J. W. LaGrone, J. W. Lively, H. H. McCain, R. O. McClure, W. C. Mann, Louis May, W. R. Newton, J. D. Pointer, R. T. Pynes, N. L. Sayers, F. M. Simpson, R. R. Smith, T. F. Swanson, R. G. Swanson, T. E.

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Webb, Julian Woodson, Francisco Zito, J. B. Kenna, G. B. Miner, B. T. Bell, R. R. Ells, A. L. Harper and E. N. Hardin. By action of the General Conference in the change of boundry, L. E. Gower, C. L. Elliott and O. P. Wright of the Austin Conference answered to their names and were ordered enrolled. The Conference stood with bowed head while the names of Walter Zimmerman, Ira N. Pardee, P. C. Chaney, John T. James, W. F. Bolton and E. A. Ferguson, our deceased brothers, were called. Afterwards all joined in singing, "Theae's a Land That is Fairer Than Day."

Officers Elec.ed.—On motion of J. A. Carruth, H. H. McCain was elected secretary, and on his nomination, W. H. Germany and R. O. McClure were elected assistants. On motion of J. W. Hervey, L. E. Gower was elected Statistician; and C. L. Elliott, Peter Parker and J. B. Kenna were named as assistants and it was ordered. On motion of W. C. Mann, T. E. Webb was nominated and elected treasurer; who nominated F. J. Ensign and B. T. Bell as assistants and they were elected.

Transfers.—The transfer of Peter Parker from the Oklahoma Conference; and J. M. Bennington from the Illinois Conference was announced. The Bishop also announced the transfer of E. R. Houck to the Oklahoma Conference.

Introductions.—L. E. Gower, C. L. Elliott, W. I. Gates and O. P. Wright from the Austin Conference; J. M. Bennington and Peter Parker the recent transfers; T. J. Shrode from the Nebraska Conference; E. F. Scheussler and A. A. Leifeste of the Southern German Conference and Dr. W. D. Parr of the North Indiana Conference were introduced and welcomed.

Reports.—G. B. Hines Dist. Supt. of the New Orleans Dist. was called, and work reported. The report of the Italian work by Francisco Zito was read in this connection also. It impressed the importance of instructing the children which was further emphasized by the Bishop.

W. C. Mann Dist. Supt. of the North Louisiana District was called, character passed and work reported.

J. A. Carruth Dist. Supt. of the Southern District was called, the character passed and work reported.

The names of R. G. Swanson, W. R. Newton and Louis May were called, the character of each was passed and they reported their charges.

Announcement.—A message brought the sad news of the death of the Father-in-law of R. O. McClure. It being his desire to attend the funeral, his name was called, character passed and he reported his charge. The report of the Registrar being satisfactory, he was on motion elected to Elders Orders; and on motion of J. M. Bennington a session of the Conference was called for 2:30 p. m. for his ordination and to receive the Statistical Reports.

Introductions.—Mr. S. M. Konizeski, representing the Book Concern was introduced, who brought a brief but interesting word concerning this

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great institution.

Mrs. Bishop Thirkield was presented to the Conference, whose presence, hearty interest and helpfulness was highly appreciated and greeted with applause. Dr. E. C. Clemens, representing the Board of Conference Claimants was introduced, who in his hearty and unique way brought us a message of good fellowship and encouragement concerning the work of the Board. In this connection, he presented the Conference with a draft for \$300. And the Bishop announced a draft from the Chartered Fund of \$30. and from the Book Concern of \$467. for distribution to the Veterans by the Board of Stewards.

Motion.—Dr. C. A. King, the Tres. of the Board of Stewards, being absent, it was moved by R. O. McClure and carried, that H. H. McCain be elected Treas. Pro Tem, and that these drafts be made payable to him.

Announcements.—The pastor, J. M. Bennington, announced the time for adjournment at 11:45 a. m. The list of Standing Committees was read by the secretary and approved by the Conference.

Adjournment.—On motion the Conference adjourned. All joined in singing the Gloria and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

FIRST DAY-Afternoon Session

At 2:30 the Conference met and was called to order by Bishop Thirkield. After singing and prayer, R. O. McClure was duly ordained an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Bishop and Elders.

Statistics.—Reports were called for by the Secty. from each charge in order, which were placed in the hands of the Treasurer and Statistician respectively.

Adjournment.—A motion to adjourn was carried and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY—Friday, December 20, 1912

Opening Devotions—T. E. Webb led the service who announced as the hymn, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us," which was followed by the reading of Psalm twenty-seven, and prayer by J. R. Basket and Julian Woodson. Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" was then sung, after which the Bishop gave a talk on the Observance of Reverence in all services.

Journal.—The Secty. read the Journal of yesterday, which was approved after certain corrections.

Transfer.—The transfer of W. W. Gettys to the Oklahoma Conference was announced, he having been in the Austin Conference.

Elections.—R. O. McClure having been excused from attendance on the sessions of the Conference, on motion F. J. Ensign was nominated and elected as Asst. Secty. in his place. J. H. Beadle was elected Conference Postmaster and J. D. Pointer as the Official Reporter of the Conference.

Reports.—N. L. Sayers, H. H. McCain and T. E. Webb were called,

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character passed and each presented reports. W. E. Harrison was called and character passed.

Introductions.—Dr. W. S. Bovard, from the University of Chattanooga, representing the Board of Education, was introduced, who gave a brief address drawn from experience and observation, on "The Need of Our Methodist Schools in the South." In brief it was presented as the need for leaders of the right type and the cultivation and practice of the spirit of self-support.

Dr. McClarty, the pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced and welcomed.

The Bishop excusing himself, Rev. M. E. Bramhall was called to the chair.

Question Eight.—Who Have Been Admitted into Full Membership? J. H. Beadle, F. J. Ensign and H. K. Faulk were called, the Registrar reporting favorably in each case, their character was passed, and they were on motion of their respective Dist. Supts. passed to the studies of the Third Year and admitted into full membership.

J. B. Kenna was called and character passed. It having developed that he was going away to school, he was on motion continued in the studies of the Second Year.

G. B. Miner was called and character passed. In view of the circumstances he was on motion, passed to the studies of the Third Year, being conditioned on one book.

Question Nine.—What Members are in Studies of Third Year? G. L. Harper and Francisco Zito were called, their character passed, and they were on motion continued in the studies of the Third Year.

Question One.—Is This Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline? It is.

Address.—The Bishop gave a splendid address to the Class for Admission into Full Membership, which was worthy of the best traditions of our church.

Question Six.—E. N. Hardin and R. R. Ellis were called, character passed, Registrar reported favorably, and they were on motion advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

B. T. Bell and A. L. Harper were called, their characters passed, and they were on motion advanced to the studies of the Second Year, conditioned on bringing up the remaining books next year.

G. W. Bolton was called, character passed and on motion was continued in the studies of the First Year.

Introductions.—Rev. Frank R. Madden, representing the Board of Sunday Schools, and Rev. J. B. Gonzales of the Congregational Church, were presented to the Conference.

Motions.—It was moved and carried that a special session of the Conference be held at 4 p. m. for the consideration of the educational work.

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On motion, Peter Parker was relieved of his duties as a member of the Committee on Periodicals and J. R. Basket was elected in his place; and G. B. Miner was elected to succeed L. E. Gower on the Auditing Committee.

Adjournment.—The time for adjournment having arrived, the announcements were made, the Gloria was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. D. Parr.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

Promptly at 4:00 p. m. the Bishop called the Conference to order. Dr. W. D. Parr was introduced, who made an explanation of the status of Port Arthur College and the prospect and need for education in our Conference, pointing to the opportunity which was now presented to meet our need and ideal. The prospect was presented in a masterly way; and then an earnest appeal was made to the ministers for an expression of their faith and interest in the College in making a personal subscription, which was heartily seconded by Bishop Thirkield. The call was then made to which all responded with subscriptions in varied sums from \$5. up to \$500., reaching the total of \$4,545. A call was then made for singing the Doxology, in which all joined heartily. A motion to adjourn was carried and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. D. Parr.

THIRD DAY.—Saturday December 21, 1912

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop. "Breathe On Me, Breath of God," was sung with deep feeling by the Conference. R. L. Weldon led in prayer. The Bishop then addressed the Conference on Practicing the Presence of God.

Journal.—The Journal of yesterday's sessions was read and adopted after corrections.

Introduction.—Dr. J. J. Morgan, representing the American Bible Society, was introduced.

Question Fourteen.—Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?

J. W. Hervey, Dist. Supt. of the East Texas Dist., was called, character passed and the work of his Dist. reported. In the recent bereavement of Bro. Hervey, the Conference joined in singing:

"We share each others woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear."

With bowed head the Conference joined in prayer for the comforting presence of God with Mrs. Hervey.

Motion.—H. H. McCain moved and it was carried, that the reports of the district superintendents be edited by them for printing in the Journal.

Question Fourteen Continued.—R. T. Pynes, R. L. Weldon, W. H. Germany, J. R. Basket, T. J. Shrode, C. L. Elliott, L. E. Gower, O. P.

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Wright and J. M. Bennington were called, character passed and presented their report.

Welcome.---As many of these were recently received into the Conference, they were welcomed by rising and singing, "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Question Four.---**Who Have Been Received and From What Churches?** C. A. Perkins from the Free Methodist Church was introduced. The Committee on Conference relations presented a favorable report for his admission into the ministry of the Church and Conference. On motion of W. C. Mann he was admitted and exempted from the Course of Study.

Question Five.---**Who Have Been Received on Trial?** Ardis M. Wynne was presented by District Superintendent W. C. Mann. The reports being favorable, he was on motion received on trial and advanced to the studies of the First Year.

Question Six.---**Who Have Been Continued on Trial?** Daniel Hayes, Sidney W. Edwards and C. C. Beasley were called, character passed and on motion in each case, were continued in the studies of the First Year.

Question Seven.---**Who Have Been Discontinued?** None.

Question Three.---**Who Have Been Readmitted?** None.

Question Eleven.---**What Members Have Completed the Conference Course of Study?** Judson W. La Grone, Joseph C. Duplantis, Francis M. Simpson, Thomas F. Swanson and Reese R. Smith were called and character passed. The report of the Registrar was favorable in each case, and on motion of their respective District Superintendents they were elected to Elders' Orders.

Delos H. Cassells was called and no report was presented. On motion of G. B. Hines, his character was passed and he was continued in the studies of the Fourth Year, with the request that he appear at the next sessions of the Conference, prepared for the examination.

Question Thirteen.---**What Others Have Been Elected and Ordained Elders?** J. D. Pointer was called and his character passed. On motion of J. A. Carruth, and supported by G. B. Hines, he was advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year and elected to Elders' Orders under the Missionary Rule, provided he goes as a Missionary to Africa.

Transfers Announced.---The Bishop announced the transfer of J. C. Duplantis to the St. Louis Conference, G. B. Miner to the Georgia Conference and F. G. Watkins to the Illinois Conference.

Question Sixteen.---**Who Have Died?**---W. F. Bolton, Henry G. Breed and E. A. Ferguson. On motion of J. R. Basket, the hour following the ordination service on Sunday was fixed for the Memorial Service.

Question Seventeen.---**Who Have Been Located at Their Own Request?** None.

Question Eighteen.---**Who Have Located?** None.

Question Nineteen.---**Who Have Withdrawn?** A. A. Tharp to the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

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Question Twenty.—Who Have Been Permitted to Withdraw Under Charges or Complaints? None.

Question Twenty-One.—Who Have Been Expelled? None.

Question Twenty-Two.—What Other Personal Notations Should Be Made? Here the names of C. L. Elliott, L. E. Gower, W. W. Gettys, O.P. Wright and W. T. Stokes were enrolled by action of the General Conference.

Question Twenty-Three.—Who Are the Supernumary Preachers? N. H. Oliver was called, and on motion of J. R. Basket he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for action to be reported at the afternoon session.

Question Twenty-Four.—Who Are the Superannuated Preachers? Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Volkinburgh, Thomas F. Wilson, C. A. King and J. W. Lively.

Address.—Dr. J. J. Morgan, representing the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

Motions.—H. H. McCain moved an extension of time and it was carried. It was moved by G. B. Hines and carried that a session of the Conference be called to meet at 4 p. m.

Announcements and Benediction.—Various announcements were made by the pastor and others, after which the Gloria was sung and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY-Afternoon Session

By direction of the Bishop, the Conference was called to order by G. B. Hines, who led in singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have," and prayer was offered by T. J. Shrode. At this time the Bishop entered and took the chair.

Question Twenty-Seven.—What is the Aggregated of the Benevolent Collections Ordered by the General Conference as Reported by the Treasurer? \$3,719.

Question Twenty-Eight.—What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? \$2,000.

Question Twenty-Nine.—What Has Been Received on these Claims and How Has it Been Applied? \$1,189. Applied according to the order of the Conference.

Question Thirty.—What is the Amount of the Five Per Cent of Collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? \$18.05.

Reports.—The report of the Treasurer, T. E. Webb, was read and adopted.

The following Committees presented their reports, which were adopted: J. C. Duplantis, on Education; F. J. Ensign, on Sunday Schools; J. R. Basket, on Book Concern and Periodicals; T. J. Shrode, on Temper-

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ance; W. R. Newton, on Freedman's Aid Society; F. M. Simpson, on Sabbath Observance; B. T. Bell, on Auditing; R. R. Ellis, on American Bible Society; C. L. Elliott, on Epworth League; L. E. Gower, on Home Missions and Church Extension, and J. B. Basket on Foreign Missions.

Address.—Dr. W. D. Parr addressed the Conference Concluding the the subscriptions as on the plan of yesterday. Additional subscriptions were made, bringing the total up to \$5,025. Following the announcement, the Conference rose in a body and sung, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." At this junction J. W. La Grone read a telegram from Mr. R. C. Holmes, the President of the Board of Trustees, who made a gift of \$1,000. This was greeted with much applause.

Question Thirty-Two.—Where Shall the Next Conference be Held? By a unanimous vote, Woodville, Texas, was chosen.

Transfer.—The transfer of T. J. Shrode from Nebraska Conference was announced by the Bishop.

Question Five.—Who Have Been Received on Trial? W. I. Gates was presented by J. W. Hervey and was on motion received. On motion of J. R. Basket he was ordained a Deacon under the Missionary Rule.

Resolutions.—J. W. Lively presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted.

Question Twenty-Five.—Who are the Triers of Appeals? R. O. McClure, T. E. Webb, R. G. Swanson, R. L. Weldon and L. E. Gower.

Reports.—The report of the Statistician, L. E. Gower, was read and adopted. The report of the Board of Stewards was presented by J. R. Basket and adopted. On his motion, Dr. C. A. King was directed to act in the distribution of the fund in place of H. H. McCain who was elected Pro Tem Treasurer.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported in the case of N. H. Oliver that he be made effective; and on motion he was voted the special appointment of Sunday School Missionary.

Motions.—On motion of J. R. Basket the printed Journal was made the Official Organ of the Conference, and the Secretary was authorized to edit same.

On motion of H. H. McCain W. T. Stokes was continued in the Supernumerary relation.

Resolutions.—J. R. Basket presented Resolutions on Tithing, Holiness and Divorce, which were adopted.

Board of Stewards.—The Legal Board of Stewards was nominated by H. H. McCain as follows: Dr. C. A. King, President and Treasurer; the pastor at Lake Charles to be the Secretary, W. E. Cline, G. B. Woolman, H. E. Buck, J. W. Watson and O. C. Stanton. The same were approved by vote of the Conference.

Episcopal Fund.—The Bishop announced the amount of the Episcopal

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Fund as being \$317, which was on motion left with the District Superintendents for apportionment to the charges.

Addresses.—Rev. F. B. Madden, representing the Board of Sunday Schools, addressed the Conference. On motion, the Board of Sunday Schools was requested to include the Gulf Conference in the territory of Rev. Madden.

Rev. O. J. Read addressed the Conference in the interest of the Child's Welfare work.

Motion.—It was moved and carried that the Cabinet have authority

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That on the Nineteenth day of December, 1912, I ordained as Elders, Robert O. McClure, and on the Twenty-Second of the same month and year, Judson W. La Grone, Joseph C. Duplantis, Francis M. Simpson, Thomas F. Swanson and Reese R. Smith; and as a Deacon, William I. Gates, under the Missionary Rule, they having been duly elected by the Gulf Conference.

(Signed)

W. P. THIRKIELD,

Presiding Bishop.

Port Arthur, Texas, December 22, 1912.

to appoint the necessary Boards of the Conference.

The Missionary allowances were read and on motion approved.

Adjournment.—On motion it was ordered that the Conference stand adjourned after the announcement of the Conference Boards and the appointments by the Bishop. All joined in singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop W. P. Thirkield.

W. P. THIRKIELD, Bishop.

HENRY H. McCAIN, Secretary.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

This certifies that the Journal Proceedings, Reports and Resolutions printed herein were made the Official Record of the Tenth Annual Session of the Gulf Conference, held in Port Arthur, Texas, December 19-22, 1912.

(Signed)

HENRY H. McCAIN,

Conference Secretary.

Disciplinary Questions

- 1.—Is this annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the discipline? It is.
- 2.—Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? Peter Parker, Oklahoma Conference; J. M. Bennington, Illinois Conference; Theodore J. Shrode, Nebraska Conference.
- 3.—Who have been readmitted? None.
- 4.—Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? Clement A. Perkins from the Free Methodist Church.
- 5.—Who have been received on trial?
 - a--In studies of first year? Ardis M. Wynne and William I. Gates.
 - b--In studies of third year? None.
- 6.—Who have been continued on trial?
 - a--In studies of first year? G. W. Bolton, C. C. Beasley, Daniel Hayes and Sidney W. Edwards.
 - b--In studies of second year? Edwin N. Hardin, Benjamin T. Bell, Raymond R. Ellis, Albert L. Harper and James B. Kenna.
 - c--In studies of third year? G. B. Miner.
 - d--In studies of fourth year? Delos H. Cassells.
- 7.—Who have been discontinued? None.
- 8.—Who have been admitted into full membership?

Disciplinary Questions---Continued

a--Elected and ordained deacons this year? None.

b--Elected and ordained deacons previously? Frank J. Ensign, Haughton K. Faulk and Julius H. Beadle.

9.—What members are in studies of third year?

a--Admitted into full membership this year? Frank J. Ensign, Haughton K. Faulk and Julius H. Beadle.

b--Admitted into full membership previously? George L. Harper and Francisco Zito.

10.—What members are in studies of fourth year? James D. Pointer.

11.—What members have completed the conference course of study?

a--Elected and ordained elders this year? Robert O. McClure, Judson W. LaGrone, Joseph C. Duplantis, Francis M. Simpson, Thomas F. Swanson and Reese R. Smith.

b--Elected and ordained elders previously? None

12.—What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

a--As local preachers? None.

b--Under missionary rule? William I. Gates.

c--Under seminary rule? None.

13.—What others have been elected and ordained elders?

a--As local deacons? None.

b--Under missionary rule? James D. Pointer authorized.

c--Under seminary rule? None.

14.—Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open conferences.

15.—Who have been transferred, and to what conference? E. R. Houck, Oklahoma Conference; Joseph C. Duplantis, St. Louis Conference; W. W. Gettys, Oklahoma Conference; F. G. Watkins, Illinois Conference, on trial in first year; G. B. Miner, Georgia Conference, on trial in third year.

16.—Who have died? W. F. Bolton, H. G. Breed and E. A. Ferguson.

17.—Who have been located at their own request? None.

18.—Who have been located? None.

19.—Who have withdrawn? A. A. Tharp to Methodist Episcopal Church South.

20.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

21.—Who have been expelled? None.

22.—What other personal notation should be made?

a--Of those whose orders as deacons or elders, have been recognized without admission to the annual conference? L. E. Gower, C. L. Elliott, O. P. Wright, W. W. Gettys and W. T. Stokes from the Austin Conference, by action of the General Conference.

23.—Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. T. Stokes.

24.—Who are the superannuated preachers? Thomas Wilson, Julian

Disciplinary Questions---Continued

Woodson, F. D. Van Volkinburgh, Cyrus A. King and J. W. Lively.

25.—Who are the triers of appeals? R. O. McClure, T. E. Webb, R. G. Swanson, R. L. Weldon and L. E. Gower.

26.—What is the statistical report for this year? See tabulated statement.

27.—What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$3,719.

28.—What are the claims on the conference fund? \$2,000.

29.—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? \$1,189.

30.—What is the amount of the five per cent of collections for the Conference Claimants' Connectional Fund paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? \$18.00.

31.—Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments.

32.—Where shall the next Conference be held? Woodville, Texas.

Appointments of Gulf Conference

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT, Wm. C. Mann, District Superintendent, De Ridder, La,

Auburn and Smithdale.....	Thos. F. Swanson
De Ridder.....	C. A. Perkins
De Ridder Circuit.....	To be supplied
De Quincy and Reeves.....	To be supplied
Dry Prong.....	†G. W. Rockhold
Elton and Raymond.....	N. L. Sayers
Gloster.....	*R. R. Ellis
Gloster Circuit.....	To be supplied
Kinder and Basile.....	*C. C. Beasley
Livonia.....	*A. M. Wynne
Marthaville.....	R. G. Swanson
Oakdale and Oberline.....	J. H. Beadle
Orange.....	E. N. Hardin
Pineville.....	†E. G. Wood
Quitman.....	†Q. L. Bennett
Vivian.....	*G. W. Bolton

Appointments of Gulf Conference---Continued

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
J. A. Carruth, District Superintendent,
 Lake Charles, La.

Bayou Chene.....	Wm R. Newton
Crowley.....	Louis May
Ebernezer.....	*A. L. Harper
French Mission-Sweet Lake.....	†W. B. Hebert
Gueydan.....	*A. L. Harper
Hammond.....	Willis H. Germany
Iowa.....	†M. E. Bramhall
Jennings.....	Peter Parker
Lutcher.....	†J. B. Kenna
Lake Charles.....	G. B. Hines
New Orleans:	
St. Charles Avenue.....	R. O. McClure
Italian Mission.....	Francisco Zito
Natalbany.....	†J. E. Scott
Port Arthur.....	J. M. Bennington
Welsh.....	Thos. E. Webb

TEXAS DISTRICT,
Jas. W. Hervey, District Superintendent,
 Hughes Springs, Texas.

Alvin.....	T. J. Shrode
Angilina.....	*Geo. L. Harper
Arcadia and Pearland.....	*W. I. Gates
Atlanta.....	C. L. Elliott
Austin "Hyde Park".....	To be supplied
Beckville and Rock Hill.....	*B. T. Bell
Houston Heights.....	Henry H. McCain
Hughes Springs and Jefferson.....	R. T. Pynes
Kirbyville and Rosedale.....	†B. B. Allen
La Porte.....	†J. C. Bernhard
Liverpool.....	†Nye Litherland
Longstreet and Deadwood.....	*Geo. L. Harper
Lyford.....	*F. J. Ensign
Marshall.....	R. L. Weldon
Overton, Noonday and Harleton.....	F. M. Simpson
Orange City Circuit.....	†J. W. Lively
Polk.....	R. R. Smith
San Antonio "Trinity".....	O. P. Wright

Appointments of Gulf Conference---Continued

San Leon.....	†Luther Boicourt
Shelbyville and Center.....	†J. M. Kenna
South Houston.....	L. E. Gower
Texas City.....	J. R. Basket
Winnsboro.....	†H. L. Ellington
Woodville.....	R. R. Smith

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

*Daniel Hayes, Agent American Sunday School Union, Member Kinder and Basile Quarterly Conference.

Haughton K. Faulk, Prof. Port Arthur College, Member Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.

W. E. Harrison, Prof. Meridian Male College, Member Gloster Quarterly Conference.

*D. H. Cassells, Conference Evangelist, Member Gloster Quarterly Conference.

*Sidney W. Edwards, Missionary to Porto Rico.

N. H. Oliver, Sunday School Missionary, Member Oakdale and Oberlin Quarterly Conference.

J. W. La Grone, Financial Agent and Acting Pres. Port Arthur College, Member Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.

J. D. Pointer, Missionary to Inhambane, Portugese, East Africa.

NOTE: The names of Undergraduates indicated by *. Names of "Supplies" indicated by †. Rev. Harry S. White was transferred by Bishop Thirkield soon after Conference and appointed Sunday School Missionary, member Houston Heights Quarterly Conference.

Missionary Appropriations

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

District	\$600.
Auburn and Smithdale.....	100.
De Ridder.....	100.
De Quincy and Reeves.....	40.
Dry Prong.....	100.

Missionary Appropriations---Continued

Gloster.....	\$100.
Kinder and Basile.....	100.
Livonia.....	125.
Marthaville.....	100.
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	100.
Orange.....	100.
Pineville.....	200.
Quitman.....	150.
Vivian.....	100.
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Total.....	\$2015.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

District.....	\$500.
Bayou Chene.....	225.
Crowley.....	250.
French Mission-Sweet Lake.....	400.
Gueydan.....	100.
Hammond.....	280.
Iowa.....	100.
New Orleans:	
St. Charles Ave.....	400.
Italian Mission.....	600.
Natalbany.....	50.
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Total.....	\$2905.

TEXAS DISTRICT

District.....	\$400.
Alvin.....	100.
Angilina.....	60.
Arcadia and Pearland.....	100.
Atlanta.....	100.
Beckville and Rock Hill.....	200.
Hughes Springs and Jefferson.....	150.
Houston Heights.....	100.
Kirbyville and Rosedale.....	40.
La Porte.....	100.
Longstreet and Deadwood.....	50.
Lyford.....	100.
Overton, Noonday and Harleton.....	80.
Polk.....	40.
San Antonio.....	100.
Shelbyville and Center.....	125.

Missionary Appropriations---Continued

South Houston	\$300.
Texas City	100.
Winnsboro	40.
Woodville	80.
Total	\$2365.

Local Preachers

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Cutlip, J. C.	Hammond, La.
DeLord, Oscar	Bayou Chene, La.
Ellis, James--L. D.--	Jennings, La.
Hebert, W. B.	Sweet Lake, La.
Hoag, M. A.--L. D.--	Jennings, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Palmasano, A.	New Orleans, La.
Orcut, J. C.	New Orleans, La.
Scott, J. C.	Natalbany, La.
Stafford, J. H.	New Orleans, La.
Weisz, P. M.	New Orleans, La.
Savoy, E. L.	Crowley, La.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Anders, T. W.	Marthaville, La.
Bemont, William--L. D.--	Kinder, La.
Bennett, Q. L.	Hico, La.
Bruce, G. W.--L. D.--	Provencal, La.
Carruth, S. E.	Auburn, Miss.
Farr, M. A.--L. D.--	Flora, La.
Germany, C. B.	Brookhaven, Miss.
Kane, J. F.	Ravana, Ark.
Laramont, F. R.	Kinder, La.
MaGee, Flowers	Smithdale, Miss.
Malone, N.	Reeves, La.
Matirne, J. A.	Rosedale, La.
McMahon, Dr. S. H.	De Ridder, La.
Nelson, S. B.	Shamrock, La.

Local Preachers---Continued

Parsons, J. T.....	Flora, La.
Pointer, J. W.....	Quitman, La.
Richardson, W. B.....	Colfax, La.
Roberts, William.....	Summit, Miss.
Stevens, J. O.....	Natchitoches, La.
Thompson, Barney.....	Gloster, Miss.
Wilkinson, T. V.....	Gloster, Miss.
Williams, W. P.....	Elton, La.
Williams, Robert.....	Summit, Miss.
Wood, E. G.....	Pineville, La.
Wood, H. A.....	Auburn, Miss.

TEXAS DISTRICT

Allen, B. B.....	Kirbyville, Texas.
Black, J. M.....	Hallville, Texas.
Campbell, J. T.....	Choice, Texas.
Crawford, Ralph 1510 W. 10th St.,.....	Austin, Texas.
Denning, J. F.....	Troupe, Texas.
Ellington, H. L.....	Winnsboro, Texas.
Griffith, U. A. 506 W. 6th St.,.....	Austin, Texas.
Hill, Z. M.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Jones, E. L.....	South Houston, Texas.
Jones, H. E.....	Harleton, Texas.
Kenna, J. M.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
LaGrone, Chas. H.....	Deadwood, Texas.
Langley, Davis L.....	Beckville, Texas.
Lawhorn, A. L.....	Daingerfield, Texas.
Matthews, S. H.....	Neuville, Texas.
Petty, S. F.....	Harleton, Texas.
Reed, O. J.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Ritchie, E. T.....	Salttiller, Texas.
Woodall, W. B.....	Longview, Texas.

Sunday School Superintendents

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Anderson, J. W.....	Marco, La.
Boggs, J. E.....	Goldonna, La.
Cassels, J. F.....	Gloster, Miss.
Cassels, D. H.....	Gloster, Miss.
Erwin, J. N.....	Oakdale, La.
Farr, M. A.....	Flora, La.
Fitzgerald, W. P.....	Smithland, Texas.
Foster, E. O.....	Hico, La.
Furlow, E. E.....	Summit, Miss.
Geraid, Emmit.....	Smithdale, Miss.
Glass, O. C.....	Ravana, Ark.
Green, Dr. F. J.....	Yelgar, La.
Havenar, Mrs. E.....	Elton, La.
Jacobs, G. W.....	Oberlin, La.
MaGee, Flowers.....	Smithdale, Miss.
Malone, N.....	Reeves, La.
Matirne, J. A.....	Rosedale, La.
McCain, F. M.....	Basille, La.
Nelson, S. B.....	Shamrock La.
Pardue, H. A.....	Colfax, La.
Perkins, C. A.....	De Ridder, La.
Pierce, G. R.....	Marthaville, La.
Russell, Mrs. W. H.....	Ward, La.
Smith, J. W.....	De Quincy, La.
Thomas, A. D.....	Quitman, La.
Voltz, Mrs. W. H.....	Randolph, La.
Waters, F. D.....	Neame, La.
Weldon, D. R.....	Marthaville, La.
Williams, J. A.....	Alexandria, La.
Williams, W. P.....	Elton, La.

TEXAS DISTRICT

Abercrombie, J. T.....	Leggett, Texas.
Allin, E. B.....	San Antonio, Texas.
Baker, J. M.....	Coffeeville, Texas.
Barnes, W. J.....	Colmesneil, Texas.
Burnham, W. T.....	Lufkin, Texas.

Sunday School Superintendents---Continued

Caldwell, Dr. J. R.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
Collins, Robt.....	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Crook, B. J.....	Arcadia, Texas.
Crump, W. S.....	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Deaton, A. E.....	Rosedale, Texas.
Dickard, F. E.....	Hallville, Texas.
Ellington, W. D.....	Center, Texas.
Farris, J. W. 3558 Ave. C.....	Austin, Texas.
Ford, J. D.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Farrell, H. M.....	Alvin, Texas.
Forsythe, D. N.....	Beckville, Texas.
Hughes, Enos.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
Hooton, J. D.....	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Hovey, L. G.....	La Porte, Texas.
Hudspeth, B. A.....	Ore City, Texas.
Jones H. H.....	South Houston, Texas.
Jones, Wm.....	Ashland Texas.
Lawhorn, A. L.....	Diangerfield, Texas.
Longshore, W. T.....	Beckville, Texas.
LaGrone, T. H.....	Deadwood, Texas.
Mann, Mrs. Alice.....	Colmesneil, Texas.
McCready, Wm.....	Woodville, Texas.
Morris, Mrs. Emma.....	Winnsboro, Texas.
Newman, A. E.....	Texas City, Texas.
Oney, W. T.....	Harleton Texas.
Prewitt, Bassie.....	Daingerfield, Texas.
Shereer, J. W.....	Atlanta, Texas.
Still, R. G.....	Overton, Texas.
Tyler, J. F.....	Joaquin, Texas.
Woodson, Rev. J.....	Jefferson, Texas.
Wynne, B. P.....	Marshall, Texas.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Theriot, Mrs. Sarah.....	Bayou Chene, La.
Savoy, E. L.....	Crowley, La.
Little, G. F.....	Ebenezer, La.
Brusard, D. A.....	Sweet Lake, La.
Cronk, A. J.....	Gueydan, La.
Cutlip, J. E.....	Hammond, La.
Cook, S. N.....	Iowa, La.
Hacket, A. L.....	Bell City, La.
Charlton, F. E.....	Woodlawn, La.
Bucklin, J. C.....	Jennings, La.

Sunday School Superintendents---Continued

Boman, J. S.....	Lutcher, La.
Buck, H. E.....	Lake Charles, La.
Fuller, R. T. 1556 Canal St.....	New Orleans, La.
Dina, Angelo, 611 Espanade St.....	New Orleans, La.
Palmer, C. V.....	Port Arthur, Texas.
Miller, J. J.....	Welsh, La.

Our Dead.

"These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth."

WALTER ZIMMERMAN,

IRA N. PARDEE,

P. C. CHANEY,

JOHN T. JAMES,

WILLIAM. F. BOLTON,

H. G. BREED,

EDGAR A. FERGUSON.

Plan of Examination

Exam'er	Admission	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year
✓Basket	Eiselen and Barclay	Denney		Sermon	Essay
✓Carruth	Winchester		Dewey	Patten	Earp
✓Gower	E. Branches		Speer	Sheldon P. 1-322	Sheldon P. 325-635
Hervey	Wheeler	James and Samford	Essay		Bowne
✓Hines	Hurlbut	Eaton	Mott	Fisher	Smythe
McCain		Merrill and Downey	Meyer		
✓Mann	Sermon	Phelps		Sheldon Sacerd'lism	Eiselen
✓Webb		Sermon	Jerry		Winchester
✓Weldon	Discipline	Broadus	Dods	Jackson	
	*Leete	*Bushnell	*Orf	*Brown	*Grist

*To be read. This relates only to alternative books.

RULES OF EXAMINATION

I. List of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of the Examiner and sent to the Registrar for filing.

II. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own Questions.

III. Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to Registrar.

IV. If Student wants his grade he shall enclose with his paper a self addressed and stamped envelope.

V. The attention of all students is called to paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, Page 49, Discipline 1908.

VI. Each student is required to give a written statement to the Registrar, that he has read the books required in the course of study.

VII. All essays and sermons must be in the hands of the Examiners thirty days before Conference.

VIII. There shall be no "Special Examinations" except in cases of emergency, and then only by a member of the Board delegated by the

Rules of Examination---Continued

chairman.

IX. There shall be two mid-year examinations during the year. One in the spring at the time and place of the respective District Ministerial Associations, at which time students shall be required to bring up a portion of the course of study. The other one in the fall, in a location convenient to the students. These Examinations shall be under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.—From 1911 Journal.

T. E. WEBB, Registrar.
Welsh, La.

R. L. WELDON, Chairman.
407 North Lafayette St.
Marshall, Texas.

Report of the Conference Stewards

RECEIPTS FOR ANNUITY FUND

Dividend from Book Concern.....	\$460.00
Dividend from Chartered Fund.....	30.00
Part of Support of Conference Claimants—Determined by Con.	141.00
Income on Conference Annuity Investment.....	38.00
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Total for Distribution.....	\$669.00
Disciplinary Annuity.....	\$6.94
Annuity Actually Paid.....	4.85

RECEIPTS FOR SPECIAL FUND

Dividend from the Connectional Fund.....	\$300.00
Part of Support of Conference Claimants—Determined by Con.	220.00
Special Collection for Distribution.....	8.00
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Total for Distribution.....	\$528.00
GRAND TOTAL FOR DISTRIBUTION.....	\$1,197.00

Disbursements

N. B.---The full legal Disciplinary Annuity is \$6.94 per year.
The Annuity Actually Paid is \$4.85 per year.

No.	NAME	Years Effect- ive	Total Ann'ty Claim	Ann'ty Paid	Al'd fm Spl Fuud	Total Am't Paid
1	King, C. A. Lake Charles, La.....	47	\$326	\$227	.....	\$227
2	Lively, J. W. Marshall, Tex.....	15	104	72	\$ 98	170
3	Van Vo'kinburgh, F. D.....	12	83	58	100	158
4	Woodson, Julian.....	11	76	45	166	211
5	Willson, Thomas.....	.....	.....	.....	45	45
6	Bolton, Mrs. W. F.....	2	.....	10	15	25
7	Bolton, W. F. (Children).....	4	.....	97	.....	97
8	Ferguson, Mrs. E. A.....	2	.....	10	.....	10
9	Ferguson, E. A. (Children).....	4	.....	116	.....	116
10	James, Mrs. J. T.....	10	.....	24	104	128
11	James, J. T. (Child).....	2	10	10	.....	10
Grand Total Distribution				\$669	\$528	\$1197

APPORTIONMENT FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMENTS NEXT
YEAR \$525.

Anniversary Woman's Home Missionary Society

Port Arthur, Texas, December 20, 1912.

Mrs. S. Arthur Knapp, 535 Kirby St., Lake Charles, Louisiana, was
designated as the Corresponding Secretary for the current Conference year.

Report of the District Superintendents

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethern:

As your District Superintendent, of North Louisiana District, I submit to you my fifth annual report. This is the Missionary District of the Conference. It was created in December 1905 by Bishop Luther B. Wilson, and Dr. J. W. Lively was appointed Presiding Elder. Dr. Lively served the District for two years and in December 1907, he asked to be relieved from district work and your humble servant was appointed Presiding Elder by Bishop William Burt. For five years, under many difficulties, I have served the district the best I could.

In the territory of this district, our Sister Churches, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church, have been doing work for years and all of the best towns have been entered by them, often both of them in the same town and I have thought it unwise for the Methodist Episcopal Church to be organized in a town where both of these churches have been operating for years, unless a sufficient number of our own people should move into a town to justify us entering to care for them or where the town is large enough for the three churches to work without wasting money and men. This conviction, with other reasons I shall mention, has kept me from entering many of the best towns of the district and in this action I am sure I am sustained by this Conference.

Another serious trouble which confronted me was manning the district with proper men and supporting them. When I was placed on the district I had three preachers, one a probationer in the first year and the other two supplies. Neither of these brethren succeeded, two have gone from us while the third is farming. I was compelled to secure suitable men for the district and with the small salaries the Charges paid this was no easy task. We have labored under financial embarrassment which was hard to overcome. In 1907, the last year, Dr. Lively served the district, he received only \$74.00 salary from the district. When I was appointed to the district, I had no furniture, no parsonage, no income and a wife and seven children. No one of my men have had an adequate salary. Notwithstanding these difficulties the Lord has blessed our work and now we have a small district with good promise of developement, several thousand dollars worth of Church property and some of the best young men of the Conference.

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Within the bounds of this district are many small towns and great stretches of country, with good land, thickly settled where neither the Methodist Protestant Church nor the Methodist Episcopal Church South are doing work; these places we are trying to work. We are, also, studying carefully every town of importance in the district and wherever we are needed we are entering them as fast as we can secure men and money to work them. The emigration from the North and West of this section make this an opportune time for us. We, as a Church, can not afford to neglect this section of country. Railroads and towns are being built in every direction, the land is producing large paying crops and thousands of people are settling in Middle and North Louisiana. This is a good field for the Methodist Episcopal Church.

This has been a peculiarly hard year on our district on account of Meningitis, Mississippi Flood and Labor Union Trouble. Two of our charges sustained heavy loss from Meningitis--Dry Prong and Vivian; at Vivian all the churches and the schools were closed for two months and Rev. W. F. Bolton, our efficient pastor died of this dreaded disease. Livonia and Pineville charges suffered heavy from the flood. Livonia was entirely overflowed with from one to six feet of water for six or eight weeks. Many of the people lost everything. On account of financial condition Rev. Geo. W. Rockhold, our pastor, was compelled to ask to be relieved and since May the charge has had no pastor. I have gone over the work and preached for them as opportunity afforded. DeRidder and Oakdale suffered financial loss from Labor Union Trouble. Rev. T. F. Swanson, our pastor at DeRidder, will receive but little more than half his apportionment. Our benevolences will also be short as a result of the financial depression; however they have been faithfully presented and collections taken.

CONCLUSION

I thank our Heavenly Father for His mercies in the past, the blessings of the present and for His promises of the future. I thank Him for this body of faithful, consecrated men and their good wives who have willingly and cheerfully shared the burdens and hardships of this district without murmur or complaint. God bless them. The Lord has given us a good revival on almost every charge. Hundreds have found pardon or purity at our altars. This has been a good year to me. I have enjoyed good health and the continued presence of God and the hearty co-operation of my brethren. I have traveled continually through the district, traveling 9,857 miles, preaching 210 sermons and have seen 112 professions of conversions or sanctification in my services. The Lord has blessed in

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every department of the work. May the Lord continue his blessings upon us.

Fraternally,
W. C. MANN.

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT

Bishop Thirkield.

Fathers and Brethren: "I, who also am your brother and companion in tribulations, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ," greet and salute you in this my third annual report.

Here in beautiful Port Arthur, a city recently risen from the prairie where roamed thousands of cattle, to be an habitation for thousands of busy people, here where once, not long ago, the sea rolled, thus proving that the Almighty is still building the world for the habitation of His people, we meet in the holy fellowship.

I report, as a man may of God's work, where more than anywhere else to me,

"Each faculty tasked
God is seen God.
In the stars, in the stone, in the flesh,
In the soul and in the clod."

In making this report, I am but recording a segment of the modern history of the Christian Church. History is the Story of man in relation to the occurrences and events of his time. Our Church history is the story of Redeemed man working in conjunction with God, for the uplift of the race. How subline this work. It is work an angel might covet. A Co-workers together with God." Christian service ever coins itself into duplicative power, and they who give much in service come back rich in love and compensation.

"Wherever through the ages rise
The altars of self-sactifice,
Where love its arms hath opened wide
Or man for man hath calmy died,
I see the same white wings outspread
That hovored o'er the Master's head."

Thus it is. A great soul-absorbing service for the Master and for men throws into eclipse distressing surroundings that otherwise would drive us to despair!

In the careful preparation of this summary of a year's work for our Master I have been mindful ever of all the forces that make for right-

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eousness; for never more than now did I realize

“And on the helm there rests a hand other than mine.”

Divine and human have blended into the color of these faithful and fruitful years. Herein I have tried to give “honor to whom honor is due,” for most of us, notwithstanding, are very fond of gratitude and love a word of approval. I had rather be loved here than to be called king in earth or a lord in heaven. Out of the genuine sincerity of my heart’s appreciation I have written the words of commendation, for I would not leave unspoken the words I might have said.

These years and months have taught me the “mystic keys of fellowship which display a resting place for love.”

“It is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arms of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load;
And since I have no gold to give
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is while I live,
God make me worthy or my friends.”

We shall speak of the geography of the District and a general view of the work. There is embraced in the East Texas District, even as formerly outlined, the best of the South expressed in variety of soil, climate and productions. We have all the natural resources needed for the development of the greatest and highest civilization. And we have the people, too, and others are coming very rapidly, and now since the action of the General Conference, we have not only East Texas but South and Southwest Texas, so that our territory now reaches from Texarkana and Paris on the North to Port Arthur and Galveston on the South, and from Galveston to Hearn to Brownsville and Del Rio on the West.

In this compass we have several good cities, viz: Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Marshall, Palestine, Tyler, Austin, San Antonio and others. Besides, there are numbers of good towns growing to be cities and thousands and thousands of square miles of country, practically all of which is tillable.

There are in the bounds of the district the two oldest towns in the State, Nacogdoches and San Augustine. They were strategic places in early Texas History. Near Nacogdoches is an Elm tree under which was preached the first sermon in the State. And at Shelbyville the first sermon, by a Methodist Episcopal preacher, was preached long before the memorable year of 1844. So East Texas not only has a romantic civil history, but a very interesting church history. If we could draw back the curtain and look into the near future we could see this country flourishing materially and spiritually.

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We have 12 circuits and 10 stations. 18 Pastors and 20 Local Preachers. 57 Methodist Congregations, with 2,783 members and probationers, and 1,700 Sunday School scholars.

There is an approximation of 5,000 souls immediately reachable, only if we can, and will co-operate with the Divine.

We have 37 Church buildings and 12 Parsonages. Our property is easily worth \$90,000. The Port Arthur College property located in this city is valued at \$275,000.

We have 7 charges coming from the Austin Conference.

We are very happy to welcome to our Conference the preachers and people from the Austin territory. The union will, we doubt not, be mutually beneficial.

There have been revivals held on every charge with very good results. The Revival is the feature of prime importance among us. May it never cease to be. Methodism was born in a Revival and without it, we die. Of course we are not unmindful of the importance of Christian development and intellectual culture, but everything must be subservient to the salvation of men. The church of Jesus Christ must be a Spiritual force or it cannot fulfil its mission. The Holy Spirit life is the sinequa non of its existence and success. Social and civic righteousness is the fruit of church life and activity. When the heart is not right with God, the eye is dim, the head dizzy, the foot is lame and the hand blunders. Therefore, we must first and last stress and emphasize this paramount concern, the spiritual life of the church. Everything depends upon that. The law of the kingdom is that signs shall follow. These are the credentials of the Church. Our Lord himself so declared. When signs do not follow our Ministry, we may well become alarmed, for we have broken connection with the Divine Power.

We are glad to report that the Ministry of the East Texas District has this Divine endorsement, signs have followed. 1,200 souls have been converted, reclaimed or sanctified under our Ministry and 450 have united with the church. The Sunday Schools and Leagues have been active and progressive and the women societies have been busy in the work of the Lord.

We note with pleasure that the Conference assessments have been largely paid, and the salaries of the preachers are well up. We regret that any deficiency will be shown, but owing to poor crops previous to this year the people were in debt so that this good crop hardly paid them out. Another good yield will bring our people out of debt and cause that the salaries and Benevolences shall be reported in full.

Every claim has been presented by the District Superintendent at the Quarterly Conferences, and by the Pastor during the year. Some of our people are very liberal and give regularly and systematically, but others do not give anything. Thus they are recreant to the trust, break their

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vows and are not good Methodists. Religious folks pay.

We recognize the fact that if people are religious and will take our church papers they will support the Gospel and its various Benevolent enterprises. Any Pastor is well paid for all the time and energy he expends in circulating Church literature. It is one of our plans of the future to place Christian and Methodist Literature in every one of our homes.

In large part our Pastors have been their own evangelists this year holding their own meetings or exchanging with each other.

This plan works well. The Evangelists we have had were the best and their work very satisfactory. We organized a District Conference this year and our session at Overton in the Spring was a feast of good things.

Concerning the detailed report of each charge and each pastor's labors, see the Statistical tables and Treasurer's report.

Now, will you excuse a word personal? I have traveled the District and to the best of my ability I have superintended the temporal and Spiritual welfare of the church. I have done my duty as I understood it. A few times I have been hindered by sickness and lastly by death in my family, but each time I have sent substitutes. In May I had the great pleasure of attending the General Conference in Minneapolis. I am abundantly repaid for the expense of the trip. It is fine to look in on the world-wide Methodism. I have traveled 18,000 miles this year by rail and about 1,000 by private conveyance. I was called to Lyford, Cameron County, to organize a class in March. We organized with 25 members. From there I went to Matamoros, Mexico, and back by the way of San Antonio and Austin. This in some respects has been, my happiest and best year and in others my saddest. In it all Jesus has been a constant friend.

During these years of my Superintendency my wife has stayed at home without a murmur and kept the children and prayed for me. She deserves this mention. My brethren have stood loyally by me in the work. In our affliction they have comforted us.

Our third year on the East Texas District closes. Your work, fellow toilers, and my work is there infolded. Its lessons are many and some of them hard to learn. The record is His!

"I have walked on the Mount of Gladness, I have wept in the Vale of Tears
And my feet have stumbled oftentimes as I trod through the path of the years;
Yet my heart has ever lifted its song of thankful praise
To the God of all eternity, who has kept me in all my ways.
Though alone I tread the winepress, or kneel in Gethsemane,
I know that He has never forsaken, and that He leadeth me.
Though I walk through the Valley of Shadow, my soul shall not be dismayed
For my God is the God of the fathers, the God of the unafraid!"

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"So, whether on the hilltop,
High and Fair,
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys, where
The shadows lie, what matter?
He is there."

The portals of 1912 swing wide and, passing through, we have visions of

"One far off Divine event
To which the whole creation moves,"

and unitedly we sing—

"O! for that glorious dawning we watch and wait and pray, for,
When the heavenly glory shall flood the earth and sky,
We'll bless the Lord for all His works and praise Him by and by."

JAMES W. HERVEY.

Superintendent.

Resolutions

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

WHEREAS, The home is the unit of society and therefore must be the basis of all successful effort which will uplift man and promote the highest type of civilization, and

WHEREAS, Hasty and therefore unwise marriages are becoming more frequent which are also causing more separations and occasions for divorce cases, and

WHEREAS, The state has other grounds for divorce than that which has been regarded by the church as permissible, and

WHEREAS, The belief is becoming more and more prevalent that the Bible does not sanction divorce for any cause, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Port Arthur, Texas, assembled, do favor and request the state legislature in which we labor, to pass laws which shall require parties seeking to be married, to signify the same to the proper state authorities thirty days before the ceremony is to be performed, and that both parties shall submit to a medical examination by their family physician and shall present a health certificate of being qualified physically for such marriage according to the best laws of eugenics along with their application for said license and in case no such certificate is presented, no license shall be issued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we declare ourselves opposed to this promiscuous divorce and marriage business and believe it to be nefarious and a most serious evil which is striking at the very foundation of our home life and therefore we memorialize the next General Conference to so amend our discipline as shall preclude all Methodist Episcopal preachers from performing the ceremony of any and all divorced parties or party which shall unite the same, except in case of the husband and wife who are seeking to be re-united again.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES R. BASKET,
R. L. WELDON,
LOUIS MAY,
HENRY H. McCAIN.

TITHING

WHEREAS, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament

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plainly teaches that one-tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching that would indicate a less amount, and

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as scriptural—paragraph 70—; and

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere, are such we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our giving; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Marshall, Texas, that we endorse and adopt the tithe method of giving unto the Lord, as our financial plan of systematic giving.

Second. That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges until all such obligations have been fully met.

Third. That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our Churches.

HOLINESS

Introduced by James R. Basket

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1729 two young men in England, reading the Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and incited others to do so. In 1737 they saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified," and

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study of young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire sanctification clearly and emphatically; and

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now that has put forward as its very elemental thought, the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human heart, soul, mind and will;" and

WHEREAS, Our Church has always been loyal to this grand Despotism of Methodism; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Marshall, Texas, that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude toward those seeking the higher life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the Church and hold this truth in wisdom to unite with us in spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands.

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There is both a sense of pride and pleasure in your Committee as they present a report of the Greatest Book Concern in the world. Their Annual Report for the year ending Oct. 31, shows that the business amounted to almost THREE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. The net profits of this great concern go to the support of the men of God who have spent their life in active service for our great church. Their widows and orphans also share in this dividend. Each regular Methodist preacher is a stockholder in this institution and they should seek to sell their books and increase the business. It is a fact, that any book published, can be purchased through our agents and we should use these brethren to do our buying for us. We are pleased to note the reduction of the price of the Central Christian Advocate. It is therefore a great opportunity to place in the homes of our membership one of the best religious papers published. The Advocate-Journal is a paper published for our Southern work exclusively. It passes the good word along among our Southern people.

If we would train up a devoted and loyal Methodist people, Methodist who are intelligent and well informed about our work, we must circulate our church papers among our people.

The old classics, Clark's Commentaries, Watson's Institute and Fletcher's Checks, with many others I might mention, have about disappeared.

It is our duty to see that such conditions do not exist.

The Advocate family with the Methodist Review is most excellent literature for Methodist people. Let us improve conditions among our people.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, from its beginning, has been a Missionary Church. The doctrines of our church, justification of sinners, and the sanctification of believers, will always make missionaries when applied to the lives of the people. A justified and purified church will remove the charge against the home church of an apathy and an indifference to the salvation of the heathens. Our responsibility towards those who know not the gospel, it is measured by our resources, our equipment for work and the needs of the open doors. Fifty years ago, there were few open doors to our message, but today all doors are open, all walls are down and now remains for us to press the conquest of the world for our King.

The needs of the fields are just as great as the souls need of God and as lasting as eternity. Our equipment was never greater. Hundred of

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college trained young men and women are waiting for an opportunity to go out for the Master. There was a time when Methodists were poor, but God has blessed the Methodist people with almost inexhaustible resources and your committee believes it is time for her people to please God by paying at least what they owe to God.

A member of our own Conference going out to Africa should be a greater incentive to increase our interest in a campaign of information and money raising.

J. R. BASKET,
F. M. SIMPSON,
JAMES D. POINTER.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

We, your Committee, respectfully offer the following:

I. We observe with gratification, the growth of the Church and rejoice in all spiritual victories, and that she has a more thorough equipment than ever before, for undaunted advancement, a ministry consecrated to the work of aggressive evangelism.

II. Also we see the wave of "Higher Criticism," that once swept over us, has spent its force, and its receding upon itself. Out of mists, comes a clearer day.

III. We warn that Protestantism, has need to keep her defenses strong and unbroken, in surety against all opposition, should it come under guise of Church or State.

J. W. HERVEY, Chairman.
M. E. BRAMHALL, Secretary.
F. J. ENSIGN.

EDUCATION

The Board of Education is entitled to our heartiest sympathy and cooperation. The General Conference at Minneapolis greatly enlarged its scope and increased its responsibilities. The Children's day fund has aided 20,000 young people to secure an education. The requirements of the Discipline should be strictly observed. The funds for the aid of Institutions is worthy of increasing attention. The Public Educational collection is now divided by order of the General Conference between the loyal institutions and the board of education: 20 per cent. to the board of education for its aid of institutions' fund. The plans of the Board for a sustaining membership and for contributions to a general fund are timely. The creation of great board and funds outside the church has placed many of our colleges at a disadvantage and there is urgent need of a larger support for

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our own board of education.

The Christian Student and the other publications of the board are exceedingly valuable. We urge all our people to secure the literature now published by the board of education and to make themselves intelligent regarding the great educational work of the church. The endorsement of the General Conference to the work of the board is a sufficient guarantee of its worth.

We greatly rejoice at the progress of Port Arthur College and the liberal and enthusiastic support of the conference. We have just begun a campaign for the purpose of raising the \$50,000 made necessary by the conditions of the gift of Mr. Gates and have every reason to believe that it will be raised in due time. We look forward to the progress of the educational interest of the conference with sanguine anticipations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LaGRONE,

J. C. DUPLANTIS,

W. H. GERMANY.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

In view of the fact that our young people are soon to take upon themselves the responsibilities of both church and State, we cannot afford to neglect our duty in giving them the proper training.

The work that has accomplished by the Epworth League is evidence that it has an important mission.

We are proud of the Epworth Herald and urge that it be put into the homes of our people, and may our motto be: "A Chapter in every charge and the Epworth Herald in every home."

C. L. ELLIOT,

R. R. SMITH.

TEMPERANCE

The liquor traffic is a crime and not a business, and therefore is not entitled to protection by law. In fact, it must be treated as other crimes—outlawed.

We are also convinced that is not a local question, but a national one, and must be dealt with by our national government. A judicial decision followed by an executive order would close every place in our country where alcoholic liquors are legally made or sold.

We therefore pledge ourselves to work diligently for the legal death of this national curse, and for the freedom of our land.

We will give ourselves to faithful instruction in temperance among the

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children and young people, and will insist on total abstinence and pledge-signing.

We are in favor of the Kenyan Shepherd Bill and urge its passage.

We heartily endorse our own Church Temperance Society and will give it our unqualified support.

T. J. SHRODE,
R. T. PYNES,
O. P. WRIGHT.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Realizing that the Bible is the one book that should be found in every home, and that every member of the home should be acquainted with and practice its precepts,

RESOLVED, that we, the Pastors of the Gulf Conference in our respective charges, present to the people the work of this worthy Society, by speaking of its great work and taking a collection for the same.

R. R. ELLIS.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY

We are often asked the question, What do you mean by the "Freedman's Aid Society?" and What is its purpose?

1st. It is in particular an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its function is the moral and intellectual development of the colored people of America.

It has done a splendid work along these lines and we heartily endorse not only its great work of the past, but the promise of "Greater" work in the tide of coming years.

We believe that our beloved church will not slacken her zeal, but will, in the spirit and matchless love of our Lord, make greater effort in the future; and to this end we pledge our support as a Conference.

LOUIS MAY,
W. R. NEWTON,
J. E. SCOTT.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your committee, have examined the records submitted to us and find that all the money received by the treasurer from the Board of Home Missions and church Extension, except that for church extensions, has been checked and duly accounted for.

The Conference Secretary's account has been audited and found cor-

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rect.

Respectfully submitted,
H. K. FAULK.
B. T. BELL,
N. L. SAYERS.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Our Methodism is a unit. Our interests are one. Our problems are ours in common, whether of immigration, the city, or our frontier work. Our success or failure in any particular branch or locality affects the whole.

We regard the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as one of the most important of our Church Boards and benevolences; and to the Gulf Conference indispensable.

This great Society is but the hand of the church extended to the city, the poor charge, the needy preacher, the foreigner who lives among us, the orphan and the suffering, anxious to assist in the solution of every problem.

What it does is determined by what it receives. The contributions of our people are its only resources.

We pledge ourselves to its heartiest support.

L. E. GOWER,
J. F. SWANSON,
Committee.

SABBATH OBSERVATION

There is a growing tendency to use the Sabbath as a day for playing ball or pool, theatre going, for business travel, for hunting and other sports, and for many kinds of secular work. Such use of the Sabbath, for recreation and business will lower the capacity of the body for labor, and destroy the moral sense in the soul. It will keep the people from going to church and tend to draw away those who are already there; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, by definite preaching on Sabbath observation, by watchfulness of legislation in state and city, and by the example strive to make the observance of the Sabbath such as we believe God would have it.

G. B. MINER,
F. M. SIMPSON,
G. L. HARPER.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We are grateful to Bishop Thirkield for the emphasis put upon Chris-

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tian training in the home. As this is often neglected, the Sunday School offers the next best opportunity for supplying this neglected training. This too, being the normal field for personal service and evangelism in the church, we therefore urge our people to greater effort and interest in the development of all the interests of the Sunday School work. When it is well known that most of the membership in the church comes from the Sunday School, how important it is that we lay this work to heart.

We would urge that our own literature be used in all Sunday Schools, there being none better, nor cheaper, quality considered. We recognize the great work that is being done by the Sunday School Board and pledge heartiest co-operation.

FRANK J. ENSIGN,
J. H. BEADLE.

Memoir

Wm. F. BOLTON.

Wm. F. Bolton's work on earth came suddenly to its close on March 10th of this year at Vivian, La. He had just entered well on his year's work with an earnest spirit, and a bright outlook for this year, but he fell on the battlefield with the full armour on.

John Wesley said, "The best is, the Methodists die well." In the death of Wm. F. Bolton, we having a living witness to this fact. He passed away with a living witness on lips and a glorious testimony to the saving presence of God. He was a devout man, a true Wesley and he was winning his way into homes and hearts of many. He was twice married, first to Miss Lillie Harper by whom he had four children. His second wife was Miss Beulah Branch, who with two children survive him, and to whom this Conference lends its true sympathy and condolence.

J. W. LIVELY.

HENRY G. BREED

Henry G. Breed of the late Austin Conference was one of our veterans and a pioneer of the Kansas Conference. Early in the history of the Austin Conference Brother Breed came into our Texas Coast Country. In this section he gave constant heed and labor to the work of our church. This writer used to meet Brother Breed in committees and consultations and always admired his earnest spirit, and careful devotion to our pioneer

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work here.

Brother Breed's life work was closed December 29, 1911. Having served his generation according to the will of God, he fell asleep and was not. Last November he attended the last session of the Austin Conference, and his burning and prophetic words stirred the Conference.

Peace be to Brother Breed and sacred be the name and memory of Brother H. G. Breed, who served thirty-seven years as one of our Ministers.

J. W. LIVELY.

E. A. FERGUSON

Rev. Edgar A. Ferguson was not known much among us. He never served a work among us, having been only admitted to our Conference last session. He was engaged in evangelistic work and was but little in this section.

Last summer at Waco, Texas, where he had gone to fill an engagement, he was stricken with fever, and being removed to his home in Illinois, he soon died.

J. W. LIVELY.

Statistics No. 1

New Orleans District

Statistics No. 2

NAME OF CHARGE	Member-ship		Bap- tism		Epworth League		Church Property							Sunday Schools																		
	No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	No. Local Preachers	No. Deaths.	Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Senior Chapters.	No. Members.	Junior Chapters.	No. Members.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid Building and Improving	Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars in All Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members in Home Dept.	Members on Cradle Roll.	Officers and Teachers, Church	Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church	Members or Probationers.	No. Conversions in Sunday	Schools this year.	Current Expenses.	Paid Board of Sunday Schools.
Auburn and Smithdale.	302	7	1	3	15	15	1	1	4	3600	1	800	1	1000	580	161	5	20	200	150	200	150	20	150	20	150	20	14	110	5	30	4
Gloster.	12130	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	1500	1	1000	1	1000	580	161	1	2	14	130	100	100	20	14	110	20	14	110	5	30	4	
Gloster Circuit.	6	80	2	1	12	1	1	1	2	400	2	1000	1	1000	200	50	1	1	6	35	200	175	10	6	30	10	6	30	10	50	1	
Hammond and Natalbany.	6	43	1	1	12	1	1	1	2	6400	1	1000	1	1000	200	50	1	1	15	200	175	14	30	15	30	15	30	15	30	15	50	1
Lutcher.	3	54	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	2800	1	2800	1	2800	200	50	1	1	13	104	90	90	20	11	45	11	45	11	45	81	10	
New Orleans.	5	78	4	1	6	5	1	1	1	8000	1	8000	1	8000	200	3000	1	1	6	50	45	45	20	6	20	10	5	10	10	10	10	
Italian Mission.	15	100	4	1	6	5	1	1	1	30000	1	30000	1	30000	100	100	1	1	13	80	59	25	15	13	65	10	80	21	21	21	21	
St. Charles Avenue.	47	787	20	3	40	22	1	1	1	52700	12	52700	3	2800	880	250	3161	13	78	800	619	39	95	85	450	25	266	36	36	36	36	36
Total 1912.	47	787	20	3	40	22	1	1	1	52700	12	52700	3	2800	880	250	3161	13	78	800	619	39	95	85	450	25	266	36	36	36	36	36

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NAME OF CHARGE	Member-ship		Bap- tism	Epworth League		Church Property								Sunday Schools																
	No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	No. Local Preachers	Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Senior Chapters.	No. Members.	Junior Chapters.	No. Members.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid Building and Improving	Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars in All Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members in Home Dept.	Members on Cradle Roll.	Officers and Teachers, Church	Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church	No. Conversions in Sunday	Current Expenses.	Paid Board of Sunday Schools.	
De Ridder.....	16	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2700	..	..	..	8	95	475	1	11	100	..	..	25	9	35	..	..	..	45	4
De Ridder Circuit.....	..	29	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	150	..	..	100	25	200	..	1	4	25	15	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	12	..
Dry Prong.....	..	138	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	15	175	100	..	..	15	35	..	..	3	25	1
Livonia.....	6	25	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	600	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Longleaf.....	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Marthaville.....	165	3	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	60	35	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	20	..
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2500	..	..	25	110	210	3	10	150	100	..	..	..	8	70	18	..	..	15	..
Orange.....	6	100	..	5	7	..	..	..	..	2	1000	..	..	25	25	..	..	3	12	110	85	..	25	5	15	5	..	..	25	..
Pineville.....	5	58	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	2	1500	..	..	..	..	400	..	1	8	65	45	..	..	3	15	5	..	..	25	..
Provincial.....	1	87	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	34	25	14	..	4	8	6	..	..	16	1
Quitman.....	148	2	2	7	16	..	..	..	..	1	800	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	5	25	20	..	..	4	8	6	..	..	2	2
Vivian.....	1	104	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	3000	1	1400	..	..	400	..	3	18	167	80	..	..	14	49	18	..	..	28	..
Total 1912.....	25	1044	11	427	31	15	14550	1	1400	167	238	1655	18	..	93	911	505	14	50	69	227	55	213	8

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North Louisiana District

Statistics No. 4

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS									
		Pastor's Support					Sup. of Dis't. Sup's.					Board of Education					Local Educational Interests				
		Claims		Receipts			Amount Apportioned.		Amount Paid.		Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.		Amount Paid.		Conference Fund.	Board Con. Claimants.		Sup. of Con Clts.		Pd. Church Sexton Lights, Fuel ect.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	House Rent.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	House Rent.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	House Rent.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	House Rent.	Salary.
De Ridder.....	T. F. Swanson.	600	125	725	365	125	493	232	60	60	3	3	3	9	50	20	20	20	1	1	1
De Ridder Circuit.....	A. M. Wynne..	60	...	60	50	...	50	10	10	10	9	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dry Prong.....	G. W. Bolton..	210	...	210	187	...	187	23	30	32	2	1	1	4	50	3	3	3	3	3	3
Livonia.....	J. H. Beadle..	200	...	200	200	...	200	...	40	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Longleaf.....	E. G. Wood..	550	...	550	255	...	255	...	295	50	25	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marthaville.....	M. A. Farr..	310	...	310	208	...	208	102	35	37	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	A. L. Harper..	400	...	400	365	...	365	35	40	40	2	2	3	7	100	9	9	9	9	9	9
Orange.....	E. N. Hardin..	475	...	475	275	...	275	200	45	28	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pineville.....	E. G. Wood..	260	...	260	111	...	111	149	30	29	1	1	1	3	40	10	10	10	1	1	1
Provincial.....	S. B. Nelson..	150	...	150	95	...	95	55	30	12	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quitman.....	R. G. Swanson	325	...	325	279	...	279	46	35	36	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vivian.....	W. F. Bolton..	355	120	475	243	120	363	112	50	44	3	1	1	2	75	7	7	7	1	1	1
Total 1912.....		3895	245	4140	2636	245	2881	1259	455	363	26	15	9	46	439	74	87	87	3	1	2

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	No. Probationers.	No. Full Members.	No. Local Preachers	No. Deaths.	Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Senior Chapters.	No. Members.	Junior Chapters.	No. Members.	No. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness.	Present Indebtedness.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars in All Grades.	Average Attendance.	Members in Home Dept.	Members on Cradle Roll.	Officers and Teachers, Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. Conversions in Sunday Schools this year.	Current Expenses.	Paid Board of Sunday Schools.	
Bayou Chene.....	12	212	1	3	20	...	1	19	1	36	31	1400	...	...	15	10	40	3	30	110	130	70	30	130	4	18	4	4
Cameron and Grand Lake..	23	83	1	1	3	1	1	26	...	...	1	500	...	...	...	...	115	4	8	70	55	...	8	...	15	40	3	3
Crowley.....	10	83	1	1	3	1	1	26	...	...	1	6000	1	3000	177	...	...	...	9	110	75	22	9	50	12	35	2	2
De Quincy and Reeves.....	3	106	1	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	2000	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	105	70	...	12	108	...	32	...	...
Ebenezer and Vermilion..	2	110	1	8	...	...	1	33	1	24	2	2500	1	300	...	...	...	1	12	96	63	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
Gueydan and Estherwood..	2	110	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2700	...	500	20	...	150	1	8	50	25	...	8	25	...	...	...	...
Iowa and Fenton.....	7	68	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1600	1	600	43	...	...	3	25	97	58	6	18	64	...	58	2	2
Jennings.....	10	166	2	...	...	...	1	30	1	50	1	4500	1	2250	200	...	...	...	1	19	100	75	50	19	...	100	5	5
Kinder and Elton.....	1	45	2	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1650	1	900	71	442	250	...	1	5	48	35	7	5	...	...	...	...
Lake Charles.....	41	142	6	1	1	70	1	9000	1	3500	1	27	141	113	40	29	24	101	10	187	20
Raymond and China.....	4	40	...	1	1	800	1	5	50	32	8	...	5	15	2	33	3
Sweet Lake.....	33	...	3	1	2	23	17	...	2	16	1	10	4	4
Welsh.....	13	97	2	3	1	46	1	17	1	6500	1	1500	35	884	1	18	117	...	24	14	44	...	112	8	8
Evangeline.....	101	1180	4	11	62	6	6	224	4	127	17	39150	8	12450	561	1336	555	22	195	1257	834	54	223	181	581	44	668	54	54
Total 1912.....	101	1180	4	11	62	6	6	224	4	127	17	39150	8	12450	561	1336	555	22	195	1257	834	54	223	181	581	44	668	54	54

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		Pastor's Support				Deficiencies.		Sup. of Dis't. Sup's.		Sup. of Con Ckts.		Pd. Church Sexton Lights, Fuel ect.		Foreign Mis- sion		H. Mis. Ch. Ex.		Board of Edu- cation		Local Educational Interests.		Brd. of Sun. Scls.					
		Claims		Receipts		House Rent.		Total.		Amount Apportioned.		Amount Paid.		Amount Apportioned.		Amount Paid.		a—Church.		b—Sunday Schools.		a—Church.		b—Sunday School.			
		Salary.	House Rent.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	House Rent.	Total.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Board Con. Claiments.	Conference Fund.	a—Church.	b—Sunday Schools.	a—Ch. Gen. Education.	b—Sunday School.	c—Children's Fund.	a—Ch. Gen. Education.	b—Sunday School.	a—Church.	b—Sunday School.	Freedman's Aid Society.	Woman's Foreign Mission Society.	Woman's Home Mission Society.	General Conference Expense.	
Bayou Chene.....	W. R. Newton	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	
Crowley.....	Louis May.....	400	150	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	
De Quincy and Reeves.....	J. C. Duplantis	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	
Ebenezer and Vermillion.....	C. C. Beasley	440	40	480	283	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	157	
Gueydan and Estherwood.....	J. D. Pointer	308	60	368	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	308	
Iowa and Fenton.....	J. D. Pointer	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	1200	240	1440	1200	
Jennings.....	Peter Parker	30	30	174	30	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	204	
Kindner and Elton.....	N. L. Sayers	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	1300	
Lake Charles.....	H. H. Mc Cain	450	450	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	455	
Raymond and China.....	M. E. Bramhall	450	70	520	445	70	515	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Sweet Lake.....	W. V. Hebert	900	84	984	900	84	984	900	84	984	900	84	984	900	84	984	900	84	984	900	84	984	900	84	984	900	
Welsh.....	T. E. Webb	5448	974	6422	5363	974	6937	162	740	754	58	62	51	155	947	319	311	183	413	48	44	58	21	32	19	17	5
Total 1912.....		5448	974	6422	5363	974	6937	162	740	754	58	62	51	155	947	319	311	183	413	48	44	58	21	32	19	17	5

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Alvin	12	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3500	1	2000	942	1	19	147	81	13	19	67	1	52	6	9	
Atlanta	12	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2000	1	150	47	1	1	9	59	45	10	9	37	19	19	1	1
Angelina	20	110	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	150	2	8	75	50	6	4	1	1	1	1	
Arcadia and Pearl and	81	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	2	4000	1	500	1910	250	12	65	40	20	12	24	16	30	1	1	
Beeville and Center	162	2	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	600	1	500	8	3	16	162	100	16	65	5	21	3	3	
Houston Heights	5	150	3	4	1	38	1	32	1	1	1	5000	1	1650	75	75	249	3	18	160	120	17	61	11	150	9	9	
Hughes Spgs. and Coffeeville	213	1	3	4	1	4	1	1	1	1	5	5600	1	800	50	25	100	4	23	206	150	20	140	12	50	2	2	
La Porte	4	44	1	1	1	1	1	25	1	1	1	2000	1	2000	15	2	2	18	121	69	8	6	30	9	39	5	5	
Longstreet and Deadwood	245	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1250	1	1250	3	18	190	125	18	125	20	2	2	
Marshall	13	118	1	1	2	10	1	35	1	1	1	10000	1	2500	230	195	245	1	17	104	72	21	16	60	20	72	7	7	
Noonday and Harleton	32	169	4	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	3	2000	1	600	140	55	3	14	100	75	14	75	25	15	1	1	
Overton and Jefferson	10	50	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	1	2	2500	1	2500	60	2	14	100	72	14	55	10	47	3	3	3	
Port Arthur	14	91	1	1	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	5000	1	2500	315	250	1	17	165	90	25	17	72	16	179	3	3	
San Leon	5	10	1	1	10	1	1	20	1	25	1	
Shelbyville and Kirbyville	19	183	1	2	15	3	1	1	1	1	4	5000	1	600	50	2	13	85	65	10	45	12	25	1	1	
South Houston	1	41	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4000	1	200	290	375	1	15	48	35	10	15	3	25	1	1	
Texas City	10	76	2	2	16	1	31	1	31	1	1	2500	1	2400	217	620	1	17	190	98	26	17	50	50	119	7	7	
"Trinity" San Antonio	5	106	6	5	1	40	1	25	1	1	2	45000	1	5000	500	1	21	83	75	1	14	21	5	50	11	1	
Winnboro	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2000	1	2000	
Woodville	117	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3850	1	100	2	11	100	65	2	
Total 1912	162	2229	16	15	42	101	9	267	5	138	33	105950	10	18550	3952	1565	2161	32	280	2160	1427	19131	242	921	2189	13	63	63	

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NAME OF CHARGE		NAME OF PASTOR		MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																	
				Pastor's Support				Sup. of Dis't. Sup's.		Sup. of B'ps		Board Con. Claims.		Sup. of Con Cts.		Sunday Schools Not Divided.					Local Educational Interests.										
				Claims		Receipts		Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Church.	Sunday Schools.	Ch. Gen. Education.	b—Sunday School.	c—Children's Fund.	Board of Edu- cation.	Brd. Sun. Scls.	Freedman's Aid Society.	American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Mission Society.	Woman's Home Mission Society.	General Conference Expense.	Central Office E. L.	Temperance Society						
				Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.																			House Rent.	Total.	Defences.			
Alvin	700	200	900	700	200	900	.....	80	75	10	10	2	19	38	44	38	.....	120	Pd. Church Sexton Lights, Fuel ect.										
Atlanta	550	630	630	550	630	630	.....	55	55	6	4	..	5	39	25	25	.....	39											
Angelina	300	222	222	300	222	222	78	52	38	3	2	2	2	45	13	13	.....	45											
Arcadia and Pearland	400	400	400	400	400	400	.....	50	50	1	1	1	2	7	7	7	.....	7											
Beeville and Center	355	72	427	355	72	427	.....	55	55	4	4	4	10	35	..	35	.....	10											
Houston Heights	920	150	938	1070	788	150	938	132	90	78	10	10	6	18	55	12	.....	154											
Hughes Spgs. and Coffeeville	600	96	696	425	96	521	175	60	45	6	3	3	10	30	..	30	.....	50											
La Porte	400	400	400	400	400	400	.....	30	30	4	4	4	4	23	10	23	.....	31											
Longstreet and Deadwood.												
Marshall	1200	200	1400	1135	200	1335	65	130	130	12	12	8	4	100	32	54	.....	100											
Noonday and Harleton	500	72	572	400	72	472	100	50	40	2	2	4	5	15	10	10	.....	15											
Overton and Jefferson	400	400	400	400	400	400	.....	40	40	4	4	4	15	49	32	32	.....	49											
Port Arthur	1050	300	1350	886	300	1186	164	100	100	10	10	2	16	12	26	12	.....	252											
San Leon	46	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shelbyville and Kirbyville.	530	60	590	340	60	400	190	60	60	5	2	2	8	15	15	15	.....	15											
South Houston	435	.....	435	415	.....	415	.....	20	70	4	4	2	7	6	7	6	.....	7											
Texas City	720	300	1020	720	180	900	120	60	60	7	7	5	10	93	24	46	.....	93											
"Trinity" San Antonio.	850	350	1200	850	350	1200	.....	90	90	12	12	10	12	250	55	60	.....	250											
Winnabro	200	36	236	126	36	162	74	25	17	3	3	...	2	20	1	1	.....	20											
Woodville	415	.....	415	.....	.....	415	.....	41	41	2	2	4	.....	9	9	9	.....	9											
Total 1912.	10571	1836	12407	9607	1716	11323	1118	1138	1073	105	93	63	149	1293	418	55	261	433	25	28	44	82	26	34	67	25	37	42	20	6

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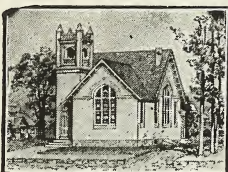
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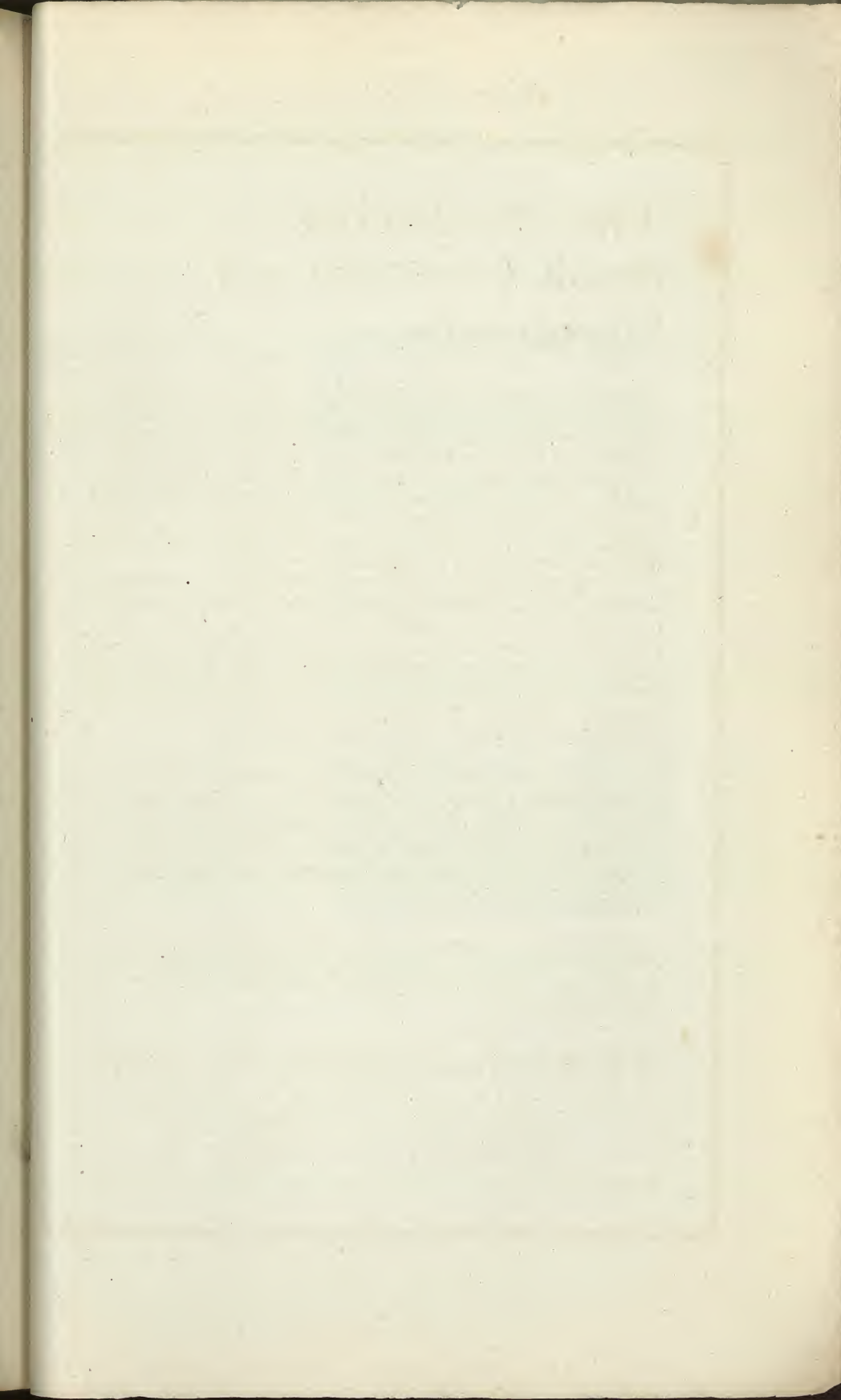
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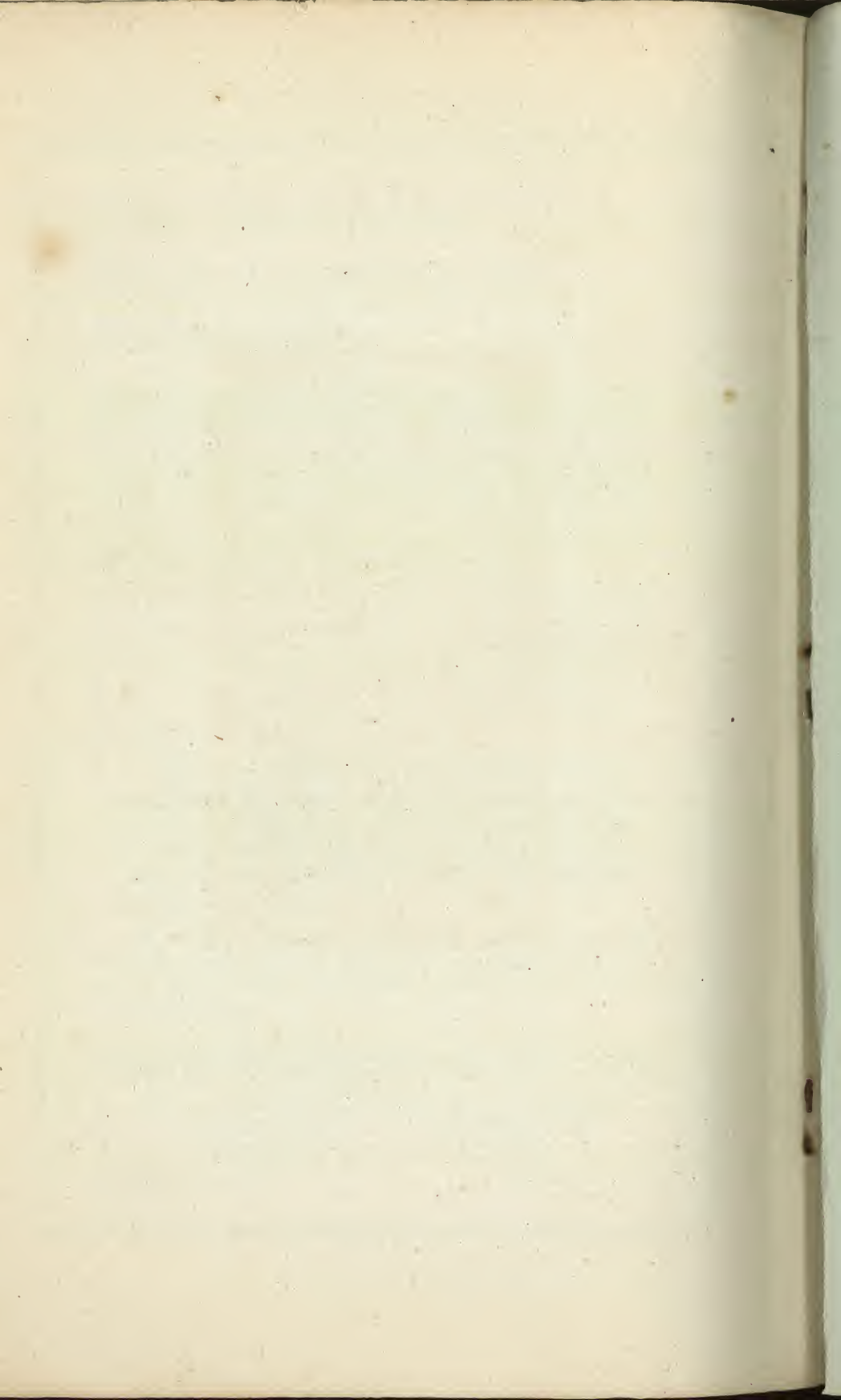
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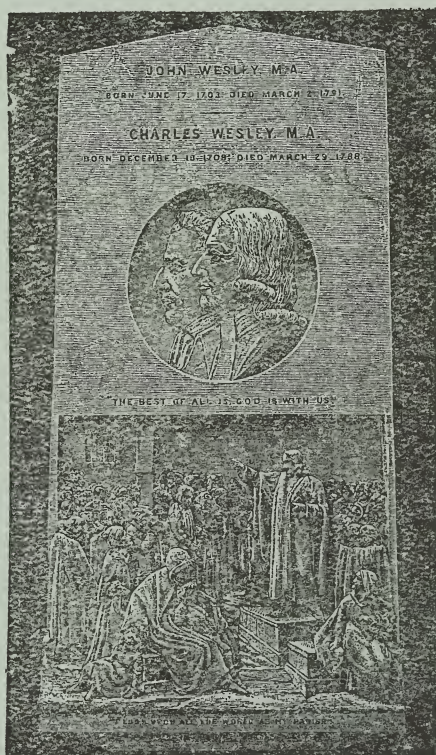
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